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Mrs. Orley M. Hood of Vicksburg has been elected president of the Citizens Educational Association, a newly - organized group which "will concern itself with the crucial problems in public school education in Mississippi."

The CEA, in a prepared statement, said that "most of these problems stem from the increased subversive propaganda evident in the school books being taught throughout the state."

The organization plans to conduct a series of seminars in each of the congressional districts to combat "this dangerous trend in text books used and for informing the people how it can be arrested."

Other officers are Dr. Curtis Caine of Jackson, vice president, and Mrs. Willie W. Lee of Jackson, secretary-treasurer.

Some 100 persons attended the

organizational meeting Wednesday.

The CEA said "the first purpose of education should be the development of citizens as individuals in a federation of sovereign states."

"Students should be given a clear understanding of, and a deep loyalty to, the ideas, principles, traditions, advantages, and institutions of a free republic and free capitalistic society, as established by the drafters of the constitution of the United States of America," it said, adding:

"At the same time, every student should be taught why socialism and communism are evil and vicious, why they destroy the freedom, well-being, dignity, personal responsibility, and happiness of the individual, and why they are, for these reasons, are implacable enemy."